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Ms. Victoria Rutson
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Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms Rutson:

In response to your letter dated May 28, 2009, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District reviewed the Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket No 34658, "The Alaska Railroad Corporation – Petition for Exemption to Construct and Operate a Rail Line Between North Pole and Delta Junction, Alaska", and concurs with a de minimis impact finding for the Chena River Lakes Flood Control Project as a Section 4(f) property under the U.S. Department if Transportation Act of 1966.

Sincerely,

Reinhard W. Koenig Colonel, Corps of Engineers

District Commander